

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A control apparatus controls first and second electronic devices. The control apparatus includes a unit which assigns first and second electronic mail addresses to the first and second electronic devices, 5 respectively, a receiving unit which receives an electronic mail via a network, the electronic mail including one of the first and second electronic mail addresses as a destination address, a unit which 10 selects an electronic device to be controlled from the first and second electronic devices in accordance with the destination address of the received electronic mail, and a unit which controls an operation of the selected electronic device in response to an instruction 15 described in the received electronic mail.